

## Media Release

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### Women of force appointed Community Members

The NSW State Parole Authority is pleased to announce the appointment of two new community members and the re-appointment of two existing members.

The new members are former NSW Police Force Detective Superintendent, Deborah Wallace and former Australian Federal Police Detective Sergeant, Jeanette Boland.

SPA Chair, the Hon Geoff Bellew said the women bring a wealth of experience and knowledge of law enforcement and the criminal justice system and share a strong background of working closely with community groups including indigenous, migrant, culturally diverse communities and young people.

“I am pleased to welcome members of such impressive calibre and merit who continue their commitment and service to the community with their new role at the Authority,” Chair Bellew said.

“The priority of the Authority is to make decisions that best protects the safety of the community,

“These new members exemplify the skills and attributes required to conduct our important work – experience of the law and a proven record of executing their duties and executing their responsibilities to the highest standards of excellence, integrity and diligence.”

Judge Bellew also congratulated Rosemary Caruana, former Corrective Services Assistant Commissioner, and Megan Miller, public relations executive and reputation management expert, on their re-appointments to the Authority.

“These members have made outstanding contributions to the complex and challenging work of the Authority in the past three years,” Judge Bellew said.

“Their unique skills, talents and life experience have proven valuable assets to our membership.”

The Community Members have been appointed for a 3-year term.

There are 28 members of the State Parole Authority comprising eight members of the judiciary, eight police officers and community corrections officers, and 12 community members.

## Deb Wallace, APM

A former Detective Superintendent, Ms Wallace served more than 36 years with the NSW Police Force, rising through the ranks to command several specialist crimes squads, including the Gangs Squad, Middle Eastern Organised Crime and Strike Force Raptor, which targeted criminal bikie gangs.

She is currently host of the nationally broadcast 'Million Dollar Murders,' a true crime series focusing on cold cases and President of the Swansea Workers Club. She also volunteers for Meals on Wheels and Grace's Place, a place of healing and sanctuary for children and young people affected by homicide.

## Jeanette Boland, APM

As a Detective Sergeant she served with the Australian Federal Police for over 32 years and has been awarded the Australian Police Medal and a Commissioners' Commendation for Conspicuous Conduct for her outstanding contribution to Countering Violent Extremism. She is also a Board member for the US consultancy Children Recruited to Terrorist Groups (CRTG), a co-founder of the Afghan Collective for Justice and lectures in policing and leadership at the university of Tasmania.

## Rosemary Caruana

A former Corrective Services NSW Assistant Commissioner, Ms Caruana has held senior executive roles, including Acting Commissioner throughout her extensive career in criminal justice and human services and was responsible for driving major government reforms across the justice and human services portfolios. She holds a Masters, Business Administration, and a Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) Hons.

## Megan Miller

An award-winning journalist, Ms Miller is an experienced media and public relations executive, and reputation management consultant. She has held senior management appointments across a wide range of public and private sector employers including Network Seven, the NSW Police Force, NSW Corrective Services, NSW Ambulance and, presently Sydney Water.

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